

Readings on Judicial Reform

The need for judicial reform can be traced back to a system of judicial self-discipline, currently provided for under the Judicial Conduct and Discipline Act of 1980¹, that allows judges to abuse judicial power in order to systematically dismiss any complaints against any of their peers, thereby self-exempting from any disciplinary or penal consequences and becoming free to engage in unethical and unlawful activity. Through the active participation of some judges in such wrongful activity and its passive toleration by others there arises explicit or implicit coordination in support of judicial wrongdoing.² Eliminating it requires judicial reform that begins by publicly exposing such wrongdoing through investigation, whether conducted by law enforcement authorities, legislative bodies, or private parties, and leads lawmakers to enact legislation that provides for effective mechanisms of judicial discipline and accountability operated by non-judicial agents, thereby terminating judicial self-discipline.

The three articles listed below provide a theoretical analysis of the circumstances generating the need for judicial reform. They link to references containing a factual description in a cluster of related cases of a concrete manifestation of coordinated judicial wrongdoing in the form of a bankruptcy fraud scheme.

1. http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/Follow_money/Dynamics_of_corruption.pdf
2. http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/docs/SCt_knows_of_dismissals.pdf
3. http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/Follow_money/How_fraud_scheme_works.pdf

A graphic presentation of systematic dismissal by judges of misconduct and disability complaints filed by anybody against them under the Judicial Conduct and Discipline Act can be viewed in the fourth article.

4. http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/judicial_complaints/DrCordero_draft_rules.pdf
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How to expose coordinated judicial wrongdoing through a Watergate-like *Follow the money!* investigation conducted by judicial reform advocates, investigative journalists, and bloggers is the subject of the fifth article.

5. http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/Follow_money/disclosures_to_assets.pdf

Some concrete measures of judicial reform to be achieved through legislation that would render judges accountable for their acts and subject to discipline through a Citizens Board of Judicial Discipline and Accountability are discussed in the sixth article.

6. http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/Follow_money/Champion_for_Justice.pdf >§IV

¹ <http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/docs/28usc351-364.pdf>

² Coordinated judicial wrongdoing may be defined as patterns of acts by judges pointing to concerted activity among themselves and with non-judicial parties through active participation in unethical and unlawful conduct or passive participation by silent toleration that violates the duty assumed under the oath of office to apply the law “without respect to persons” (http://Judicial-Discipline-Reform.org/docs/28usc453_judges_oath.pdf) and that enables active wrongdoers to keep doing wrong, all to the legal detriment and injury in fact of third parties and the impairment of the integrity of judicial process.